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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

For:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period has elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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